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FOR EUR/CE SUSAN KLINGAMAN

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SZ

SUBJ: FOREIGN MILITARY SALES: DRAGON ANTI-TANK WEAPON

SYSTEM - SWISS REQUEST FOR ACCELERATION OF REVIEW PROCESS

1. SWISS PROJECT OFFICER ON DRAGON PURCHASE HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY HELP IN ACCELERATING FOREIGN MILITARY SALES REVIEW PROCESS IN DEPT OF STATE OF LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE CASE DA SWITZERLAND NCA, RELATING TO PRODUCTION PLANNING PACKAGE FOR DRAGON TRACKER AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. THE CASE IS TO PROVIDE SWISS AUTHORITIES SUFFICIENT TECHNICAL DATA TO PERMIT CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS TO BID ON LICENSED ITEMS. BASED ON THESE FINDGS THE SWISS WILL DECIDE TO PURCHASE DRAGON EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT LICENSED PRODUCTION

3. LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE WAS EXPECTED IN LATE JUNE. REPORTEDLY, US DOD INFORMED SWISS MILATT AN ADDITIONAL FOUR WEEKS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR DEPT OF STATE REVIEW. FOUR ADDITIONAL WEEKS WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS PRPBLEMS FOR SWISS.

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4. SWISS PARLIAMENT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP DRAGON PURCHASE IN JUNE AND AUGUST SESSIONS, WITH SEPT AS TARGET DATE TO SIGN CONTRACT. PARLIAMENT WILL NEED TO KNOW WHEHTER THE CONTRACT WILL BE WITH OR WITHOUT LICENSING. IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT DECISION, SWISS PURCHASING OFFICIALS WOULD HAVE TO HAVE CASE NCA IN HAND BY LATE JUNE

TO ALLOW CONTRACTOR RESPONSE IN TIME FOR AUGUST
SESSION. IF CASE NOT IN HAND BY LATE JUNE, SWISS
SCHEDULE FOR DEPLOYMENT THIS SYSTEM, WHICH THEY
CONSIDER ESSENTIAL IF SWISS DEFENSE FORCES TO HAVE
CAPABILITY CARRY OUT THEIR MISSION, WILL SLIP BY
AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS, POSSIBLY LONGER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: SWISS WOULD LIKE OUR HELP
IN EXPEDITING REVIEW. EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW WHETHER
THIS IS POSSIBLE AND WHETHER IT IS LIKELY SWISS
COULD HAVE CASE NCA APPROVAL IN HAND BY LATE JUNE.
IF NOT, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO INFORM SWISS
OF THAT FACT AND DATE ON WHICH SWISS CAN REASONABLY
EXPECT COMPLETION STATE DEPT REVIEW.
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